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§12–301.

In this subtitle:

(1) “slot machine” means a machine, apparatus, or device that:

(i) operates or can be made to operate by inserting, depositing, or placing with another person money, a token, or another object; and

(ii) through the element of chance, the reading of a game of chance, the delivery of a game of chance, or any other outcome unpredictable by the user, awards the user:

1. money, a token, or other object that represents or that can be converted into money; or

2. the right to receive money, a token, or another object that represents and can be converted into money;

(2) “slot machine” includes:

(i) a machine, apparatus, or device described in item (1) of this section that also sells, delivers, or awards merchandise, money, or some other tangible thing of value;

(ii) a pinball machine or console machine that pays off in merchandise; and

(iii) a machine, apparatus, or device described in item (1) of this section, regardless of whether the machine, apparatus, or device delivers a game through the Internet or offers Internet or other services; and

(3) “slot machine” does not include a machine, apparatus, or device that:

(i) awards the user only free additional games or plays;

(ii) awards the user only noncash merchandise or noncash prizes of minimal value;

(iii) dispenses paper pull tab tip jar tickets or paper pull tab instant bingo tickets that must be opened manually by the user provided that the machine, apparatus, or device does not:

1. read the tickets electronically;
2. alert the user to a winning or losing ticket; or
3. tabulate a player's winnings and losses;

(iv) 1. is a handheld device that displays only facsimiles of bingo cards that an individual uses to mark and monitor contemporaneously to a live call of bingo numbers called on the premises by an individual where the user is operating the machine;

2. does not permit a user to play more than 54 bingo cards at the same time;

3. does not randomly generate any numbers; and

4. is not part of an integrated system;

(v) is used by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission under Title 9 of the State Government Article;

(vi) if legislation takes effect authorizing the operation of video lottery terminals, is a video lottery terminal as defined in and licensed under that legislation;

(vii) is a skills-based amusement device that awards prizes of minimal value approved by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission through regulation; or

(viii) is a skills-based device that awards noncash merchandise and is located at a family entertainment center in Worcester County licensed under § 9-1B-02 of the State Government Article.

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